

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### IN RECOGNITION OF NORTHSIDE COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL

#### HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 9, 2006*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in proud recognition of Northside College Preparatory High School, recently selected by Newsweek Magazine as one of America's best high schools.

Northside College Preparatory High School, found in 1999, was the first new Chicago public school to be built in 20 years. This magnet school on the North Side of Chicago provides a well-rounded education to bring out the best in the exceptional young adults who fill its classrooms.

The school achieved the highest score in Illinois for 5 straight years from 2001–2005 on the Prairie State Achievement Exam. Last year, 415 students at Northside took 905 AP exams, with 83 percent scoring a three or better. It also has a great deal of National Merit, National Achievement, Hispanic, and Illinois state scholars. And in 2003, Northside won the division three National Academic Decathlon Championship.

Northside College Preparatory High School's exemplary academic instruction produces world-class graduates: 92 percent of the 2005 graduating class continued on to a 4-year institution. To equip students for a lifetime of success, the school partners with DePaul University, Northeastern Illinois University, North Park University; Mayer, Brown, Row & Maw; OWP&P Architects; and S&C Electric.

Mr. Speaker, Northside College Preparatory High School is a shining example of public education at its best. I am proud of the students, faculty, and families of the schools and I wish them continued success in the coming years.

### TRIBUTE TO LAQUINTA HIGH SCHOOL

#### HON. MARY BONO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 9, 2006*

Mrs. BONO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional educational institution in the 45th Congressional District of California, La Quinta High School. Through the hard work and commitment of a tremendously talented faculty and staff, La Quinta High School has been named among the top 600 high schools in the nation by Newsweek magazine.

La Quinta High School holds the 583th slot on a list of 1,000 of the top high schools in the United States of America. The high school was honored for the high number of students who participate in both International Baccalaureate and Advance Placement classes.

Under the leadership of Principle Donna Salazar, La Quinta High School has established a record of success in the community by fostering an environment where students are challenged to excel and meet their academic dreams. As the highest ranked school in Riverside County, the Newsweek results are a testament to the high quality of this academic establishment.

I am impressed by the openness of La Quinta High School to students wanting the opportunity to learn and to challenge their mind. With an ethically and socio-economically diverse student body, La Quinta High School is a model for schools around the state.

Thomas Jefferson said, "Educate and inform the whole mass of the people . . . They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty." Jefferson was a powerful advocate for freedom and his message of the importance of a knowledge-based population holds great significance for continuing prosperity of our nation.

An educated public begins with our children and La Quinta High School is fulfilling our founding father's vision by fostering an educational environment that challenges today's students and tomorrow's leaders, to reach their academic potential.

Mr. Speaker, I would like once again to pay tribute to La Quinta High School for this impressive achievement. I encourage my colleagues to join me in recognizing and celebrating this exceptional high school.

### IN RECOGNITION OF BILL UTTER FORD

#### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 9, 2006*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bill Utter Ford for his years of service to North Texas.

Mr. Bill Utter came to Denton, Texas from Amarillo in 1956 when he purchased the local Ford dealership becoming the fifth Ford dealer in Denton. Over the years, the Denton Ford dealership under Mr. Utter grew to employ over 100 people and is now in its 4th location since 1956.

But Mr. Utter is not known simply for bringing the all-American Ford Corporation to North Texas, he has been known for his generosity to many causes and organizations throughout the community.

Bill Utter, Sr., Bill Utter, Jr. and staff have served in important leadership positions in the Denton Community, including Denton Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Denton County. They have also provided leadership with Ford Motor Company including service on the Ford Dealer Council. Nationally, Bill Utter Ford has won numerous community awards and Ford Motor Company Awards including Ford's Highest Honor, the Fort President's Award.

The Utter men, their legacy and their dealership Bill Utter Ford, have brought quality automobiles to North Texas but more important kindness and philanthropic hearts to the community. Their recognition on the national level has brought prominence and respect to the people of Denton. May their spirit of entrepreneurship and skills as leaders be an example to us all.

### IN RECOGNITION OF LINCOLN PARK HIGH SCHOOL

#### HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 9, 2006*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in proud recognition of Lincoln Park High School, recently selected by Newsweek Magazine as one of America's best high schools.

Lincoln Park High School, formerly named Robert A. Waller High School, has served the students and families of Chicago's North Side for over 100 years. The students at Lincoln Park High School have established an impressive record of academic achievement. Eighty-seven percent of the school's 2004 graduates enrolled in a college or university. Lincoln Park High School has had the most National Merit Semi-Finalists out of all the Chicago Public Schools over the last 15 years.

In addition to its academic prowess, the school helps create well-balanced individuals through its active participation in community service through donating to schools in Mali, and working for the National Runaway Switchboard. These activities and experiences teach students the importance of academic achievement while also providing a balanced perspective on life that promotes responsibility, justice and social service.

Students at Lincoln Park High School enjoy the support of strong parent and alumni associations which take an active role in over 60 extra curricular activities and clubs. Community partnerships with institutions such as Children's Memorial Hospital and the Lincoln Park Zoo also provide learning opportunities outside of the classroom in a wide range of disciplines.

Mr. Speaker, Lincoln Park High School is a shining example of public education at its best. I am proud of the students, faculty and families of the schools and I wish them continued success in the coming years.

### TRIBUTE TO JANICE AND RICHARD OLIPHANT

#### HON. MARY BONO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 9, 2006*

Mrs. BONO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding contributions of two individuals in California's 45th Congressional

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